

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/709,824
Docket No.: 12008-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed on Nov. 29, 2007. In the Office Action, it is noted with great appreciation that claims 1-10 and 12-16 have been allowed. Claims 17-20 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No.6,922,089.

Rejections under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting

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In order to obviate the double patenting rejection set forth in the Office Action, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 37 CFR 1.321 (d) is timely submitted along with this Response. After entering the terminal disclaimer, the rejections of claims 17-20 should be overcome, and a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims 1-10 and 12-20 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Date :

Respectfully submitted,

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